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NEW RADIO-TELEVISION CHAIRMAN
NAMED AT UM SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

MISSOULA--

Joseph Durso Jr. has been named chairman of the radio-television department in the University of Montana School of Journalism. He resigned as director of news and programming at WBBM, the CBS-owned all-news station in Chicago, to accept the UM position.

Durso will assume his duties as chairman and associate professor of journalism on Sept. 4, according to Charles E. Hood, dean of the journalism school.

The present chairman, Philip J. Hess, is stepping down from that position to return to full-time teaching.

Durso began his broadcasting career in 1970 as a television news reporter for WETA, the public television station in Washington, D.C. He later served as director of editorials and community affairs for WCBS Radio in New York, CBS's all-news station, and as director of the CBS Radio Stations News Service in Washington D.C., which serves as the Washington bureau for the company's radio stations and as production and distribution center for news features. He joined WBBM in Chicago in 1982.

Durso has a bachelor's degree in biology from Cornell University and a master's degree from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

Durso, an avid fisherman who grew up in the New York City area, is the co-author of an article about fishing Montana's Bitterroot River in the April 1983 issue of Field & Stream magazine. His wife, Maureen, spent part of her childhood in Montana and her parents now live in Victor. The Dursos have a 9-year-old daughter, Joanna.